GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker – ASR District – Detention of Sri Pangi Govardhan @ Keshav @ DJ, S/o. Podunu, Age 28, Caste ST Nookadora, Cultivation, R/o. Kummara Veedhi, Rintada Panchayat, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 961 **Dated: 29-08-2025**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Superintendent of Police, Alluri Seetharamaraju District, Paderu, C.No. 190/C2/2025, Dated.21.05.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Superintendent of Police, Alluri Seetharamaraju District has reported that adverting to the above subject, the Inspector of Police, G.K. Veedhi Circle, Alluri Seetharamaraju District, Paderu has placed before the Superintendent of Police, Alluri Seetharamaraju District and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Pangi Govardhan @ Keshav @ DJ, S/o. Podunu, Age 28, Caste ST Nookadora, Cultivation, R/o. KummaraVeedhi, Rintada Panchayat, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988).

2. He is a desperate character, started earning money in short routes by selling & transporting Ganja without any revere and respect towards law and order was emerged as king pin in illegal selling, transporting and possession of Ganja.

3. Five (5) cases were registered against Sri Pangi Govardhan @ Keshav @ DJ, S/o. Podunu, Age 28, Caste ST Nookadora, Cultivation, R/o. KummaraVeedhi, Rintada Panchayat, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Andhra Pradeshat different police stations in ASR District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

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Sl.No. (1)	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station (2)	Ganja Seized (in Kg's) (3)	Stage of the Case (4)
1	Crime No : 21/2024 U/Sec. 20 (b)(ii)(C) r/w 8(c) sec 25 of NDPS Act -1985 of G.K.Veedhi P.S	759.250 kgs	Under Investigation
2	Crime.No. 37/2022 U/s 8(c) r/w 20 (b) (ii) (C) sec 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985 of G.Madugula PS.	112 kgs	Under Investigation
3	Crime.No. 211/2021 u/s 20 (b)(ii)(c) r/w 8 (c) of NDPS Act Of Kirlampudi PS.	1725.800 kgs	Under Investigation
4	Crime.No. 149/2020 u/s 20 (b)(ii)(c) r/w 8 (c) of NDPS Act of Kotanadhuru	952 kgs	Under Investigation
5	Crime.No. 386/2019 u/s 20 (b)(ii)(c) r/w 8 (c) of NDPS Act of Gangavaram	240 kgs	Pending Trial

6.GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:

1.Cr.No : 21/2024 U/Sec. 20 (b)(ii)(C) r/w 8(c) sec 25 of NDPS Act -1985 of G.K.Veedhi P.S.

On receipt of reliable information of possession and Transportation of Ganja that occurred on 03.07.2024 at 18.00 PM near samsta colony, G.K.Veedhi village, Alluri Sitharama Raju District reported on the same day at 21.30 PM. In which the accused A-2 to A-5 and CICL-1 purchased 759.250 KGs of Ganja in white gunny bag from A-2 & A-5, while transporting the Ganja from Bodapodur village of Odisha state surrounding areas Korra Laikon @ Lakshman of Maliguda Village, G.K.Veedhi Panchayat, who provided one Bolero pickup vehicle (AP39TC3354) and arranged for another vehicle, an Ashok Leyland BadaDost Mini Van (AP39TY2907), belonging to Killo Shankar Rao of Ubapolem Village, Rintada Panchayat, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, who is his brother-in-law. They told Killo Shankar Rao that we needed to transport about 750 kg of ganja from Odisha to Talapalem Junction Highway and offered him Rs. 30,000/-and A-2 to A-5 and CICL-1, were caught by police and arrested them and seized property i.e., 759.250 KGs of Ganja along with Bolero pickup vehicle AP39TC3354, Ashok Leyland BadaDost Mini Van AP39TY2907 and Cash Rs.16,900 /- from the accused A-2 to A-5 at the scene of offence in the presence of mediators and brought the property and accused to police station, A-01 was absconding and sample of 100 gms was taken from the for chemical examination. The Ganja sample were sent to REL for examination and REL report was received vide C.E.No. 2348/2024.In this case A-01 Lingu Khila @ Babu Rao of Baradabanda Village,

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Bodapodur Taluk, Chitrakonda Block, Odisha State are yet to be arrest. After completion of investigation of the case, charge sheet will be filed in the Hon'ble MSJ Court, Visakhapatnam for trail.

2. Cr.No. 37/2022 U/s 8(c) r/w 20 (b) (ii) (C) sec 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985

Occurred on 20.09.2022 S.I of police received credible information about the illegal transportation of ganja, then SI of Police have sent a requisition to Tahsildar to depute two VROs to act as mediators. Later S.I instructed to ASI-1274 to took the two mediators and PCs 1625, 2210, 1972 and APSP Party went to Urumu Junction to conduct vehicle checking Meanwhile one auto coming from Vennalakota village and proceeding towards G Madugula on seeing the Police party they stopped their auto and get down tried to escape from that place immediately ASI and his staff chased and caught two persons namely A1 Pangi Bhaskarao, 2. Korra Shivannarayana and auto driver was escaped from that place later checked the auto and found a total of 4 white gunny bags with hard smelling of Ganja each bag containing 28 Kgs total 112 kgs, on opening of four white gunny bags in the presence of mediators, worth Rs. 2,24,000/-. Then Police Constables took two samples from each gunny weighing 50 grams and seized for analysis in the presence of mediators duly signed by accused and mediators, ASI Then ASI seized the white gunny ganja bags, one Auto AP 31 TK 4306, one packing making machine, one making Hashish oil machine in the presence of mediators. The mediators report commenced from 9.00hrs and concluded at 11.00 hrs on 20.09.2022. Then ASI brought the seized property, auto, two machines to Police Station and handed over it to SI G Madugula along with mediators report for necessary action. Inventory was completed and REL report was received Vide C.E.No.2219 /2022, Dt.11.11.2022. A-03 was yet to be arrest. Investigation is completed in this case and charge sheet also was filed in the Hon'ble MSJ Court, Visakhapatnam and awaiting for NSC.No.

3.Cr.No. 211/2021 u/s 20 (b)(ii)(c) r/w 8 (c) of NDPS Act of Kirlampudi PS.

This is a case of illicit possession and transportation of Commercial quantity of Ganja that occurred on 15.12.2021 at about 12 PM on NH-16 Road, Polavaram Canal bridge, outskirts of Burugupudi Village, Kirlampudi Mandal, East Godavari District and reported on the same day at 7 PM., in which the complainant the S.I. of Police received credible information regarding the illegal transportation of contraband, secured in the presence of Gazetted Officer and two mediators, his staff conducted a raid and arrested A-1, A-3, A-5 to A-7 while the accused were transporting the contraband of Ganja from Rowthulapudi to Hyderabad, Telangana &Kerala State in the possession of Ganja of 1725.800 KGs (packed in 40 plastic bags), one Eicher Van bearing Regd. No.AP31Y4528, one Ashok Leyland box van bearing Reg No.AP05TM0122, Vivo mobile Phone with IMEI

No.1:865572030110797, IMEI No.2:865572030110789, SIM Nos: BSNL-7382397638, Jio-6281275320, Vivo Mobile Phone with IMEI No.1:868964051901211, IMEI No.2:868964051901203, SIM Nos: BSNL-8500633913, Jio-9346430411, Lava Keypad phone with IMEI No.1: 911656604395381, IMEI No.2:911656604395399, SIM No.BSNL-9441580641, Nokia Keypad phone with IMEI No:356056192990473 SIM No.9491525947 (BSNL), Realme RMX2193 with IMEI No.1:862839052979978, IMEI No.2:862839052979760, SIM Nos. 9705481317, 8074440439 (AirTel) and Cash Rs.11,000/- under the cover of a mediators report and brought the property and accused to police station, A-01 and A-02 were absconding and samples 50 gms was taken from each packet for chemical examination. The Ganja sample were sent to REL for examination and received it. Inventory was completed and REL report was received vide C.E.No.3339/2021 on 27.12.2021. In this case Accused A-4 is yet to be arrest and Charge sheet was filed in this case in the Hon'ble Addl. District Sessions Judge cum Special Court under the NDPS Act-1985, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram and awaiting for NSC.No.

4. Crime.No. 149/2020 u/s 20 (b)(ii)(c) r/w 8 (c) of NDPS Act Of Kotanadhuru PS.

On receipt of reliable information of possession and transportation of Ganja that occurred on 11.10.2020 at about 09-00 AM on Sarugudu - Rowthulapudi Road, near a closed Quarry, outskirts of Mathayyapeta village of Rowthulapudi Mandal and reported on the same day at 02.25 PM on receipt of credible information about the transportation of Ganja, conducted vehicle checking on Sarugudu - Rowthulapudi Road, near a closed Quarry, outskirts of Mathayyapeta village of Rowthulapudi Mandal and the accused A5 & A6 were caught red handed at 09.00 AM with possession of 2 KGs of Ganja in 2 packets and while they were doing pilot to the Ganja Van on two Motor Cycles i.e., Hero Glamour bearing Registration No. AP31BX1190 and Honda Shine bearing Registration No. AP39EP3935 respectively belongs to A1 & A2 and A4 was caught red-handed at 09.10 AM on the same day while he was transporting 950 KGs of Ganja packed in 38 plastic gunny bags each gunny bag containing 25 KGs of Ganja over the Eicher Van vide registration No. AP37W7593 along with A1 to A3 from Darakonda village of Visakha Agency to Rowthulapudi on Sarugudu - Rowthulapudi Road after observing all legal formalities as per statute. A1 to A3 were absconded from the place of offence. Then the accused A4 to A6 were arrested by Inspector Of Police, Tuni Rural Circle and recorded their confessional statement, in pursuance of his confessional statement in the presence of Tahsilder of Kotananduru(M), Seized 38 bags of Ganja each 25 KGs total 950 KGs worth Rs, 23,75,000/-, 2 Packets of Ganja each 1 KG total 2 KGs worth Rs. 5,000/-, Total 952KGs Ganja worth Rs. 23,80,000, Eicher Van vide registration No. AP37W7593 ,Hero Glamour Motor Cycle bearing Registration No AP31BX1190, Honda Shine Motor Cycle bearing Registration No AP39EP3935 from the possession of A4 to A6 under cover of mediators

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report and brought the property and accused to police station, A-01 to A-03 were absconding and samples 100 gms was taken from each packet for chemical examination. The Ganja sample were sent to REL for examination and received it. Inventory was completed and REL report was received vide C.E.No.2501/2020.Charge sheet was filed in this case in the Hon'ble Addl. District Sessions Judge cum Special Court under the NDPS Act-1985, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram.

5. Crime.No. 386/2019 u/s 20 (b)(ii)(c) r/w 8 (c) of NDPS Act Of Gangavaram PS.

On receipt of reliable information of possession and transportation of Ganja that occurred on 17.10.2019 at about 12.00 hrs opp.RTC Bus Stand, Near srisaipriyanka hotel NH16, Gannavaram (V)(M) and reported on 17.10.2019 at 18.00 hrs wherein it is reported by the complainant K.Srinivasarao, Inspector of Police, Gannavaram PS, Vijayawada city on reliable information, he along with his staff and mediators rushed towards said place, while conducting vehicle checking and noticed one tempo travel Bus coming from Eluru side and proceeding towards Vijayawada side and on seeing the police, the driver of the vehicle stopped the Vehicle and tried to escape along with five others on the sight of Police , then he along with his staff chased and took them into custody and put them before the mediators after through checking of the vehicle it is observed that the vehicle is registered as AP37TF1151, Tempo Travel Bus, when questioned about their names and other particulars and to where the vehicle is proceeding and also to produce the records of the vehicle, they did not furnish any useful information. Then he questioned to them repeatedly and then they disclosed their names as 1.Basava Jagannadham, S/o Maheswararao, A/30 yrs, C/Telaga, D.No.1-83, M.P.P.E School, Sasanapalli, Jami, Vizayanagaram, 2.Kodingi Kameswararao, S/o Gasi, A/36, C/Bhagatha, D.no.108, Chonpi Village, Araku valley mandal, Visakhapatnam District,3.Korabu Balam Padal, S/o Malik Padal, A/34, C/Bhagatha, C-27, Kunthurla, Visakhapatnam, pedabayalu, 4.Adapa Rambabu, S/o Surya rao, A/39, C/Telaga, Bypass colony, Parvathipuram, Vizayanagaram 5.Gugulothu Heeru, S/o Phakeera, A/40, C/lambada, D.No.1-1-23/2, Prashanth Nagar, NIT, Kazipet, hanamkonda, Warangal. 6.PangiGovardhan, S/o Poduno, A/21, C/Nukadhala, D.No.8-76, Kummaraveedhi, Rithada Panchayithi, G.K Street, rinthada, Visakhapatnam. When asked about the possession of ganja they stated that they buy Ganja in Darakonda for cheaper price and transporting it to Bengaluru in order to sell them for profit. While in possession of Ganja for selling without license/permit from the competent authorities under the Act and produced before a Gazetted Officer and the Ganja 120Packets each packet weight; 2 Kgs and Vehicle bearing No AP37TF1151 Tempo Travel Bus and five cell phones, an amount of Rs.3000/- were seized from the possession of the accused in the presence of mediators under the cover of report and brought the property and accused to police station, A-01 and A-02 were absconding and samples 50 gms was taken from each packet for

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chemical examination. The Ganja sample were sent to REL for examination and received it. Inventory was completed and REL report was received vide C.E.No.2144/2019.Charge sheet was filed in this case in the Hon'ble MSJ Court, Vijayawada after completion of Investigation. Present this case is in Pending Trail.

Thus, he has committed an act of "illicit traffic" as classified under section 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988(PIT NDPS Act 1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health. Hence, he is acting in prejudicial infect to the maintenance of the public health.

5. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is an "illicit trafficker" as classified under section 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial to the maintenance of the Public Health.

6. He is a habitual offender in Ganja and resorting to commit offenses frequently without any hesitation for wrongful gain and disturbing peace, public tranquillity and spoiling the public order in the vicinity of the villages. His dangerous activates are detrimental to the public safety and security and he is largely harmful to the society and normal life of the general public.He is an active and young member and his acts are prejudicial to public order. Though the cases were registered and charge sheeted, he has not given up his clandestine activities. He continues to involve in various crimes including the clandestine trade, transport, possession and sale of Ganja/Cannabis as defined for illicit traffic mentioned in Sec. 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988.

7. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Pangi Govardhan @ Keshav @ DJ, S/o. Podunu, Age 28, Caste ST Nookadora, Cultivation, R/o. KummaraVeedhi, Rintada Panchayat, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Andhra Pradeshand to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act, 1988).

8. Sri Pangi Govardhan @ Keshav @ DJ, S/o. Podunu, Age 28, Caste ST Nookadora, Cultivation, R/o. KummaraVeedhi, Rintada Panchayat, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Andhra Pradesh has demonstrated a consistent pattern of committing criminal activities and shows no signs of reform. Despite prior arrests and trials, he continues to engage in unlawful acts, making the safety and peace of the community vulnerable. The offender has displayed a clear intention to engage in further criminal conduct. It is likely that he will continue to commit crimes if left at large. The repeated nature of the offenses and

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the offender's disregard for legal norms and public order are of grave concern. The repeated criminal activities committed by the said offender have severely disrupted public peace and order. His actions have instilled fear and insecurity among his villagers. It is essential that measures are taken to prevent further harm to the public.

9. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illegal activities of the accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Visakhapatnam and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately Public Health.

10. The offender repeatedly resorts to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act, 1985. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality, and impacting public health.

11. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act thatSri Pangi Govardhan @ Keshav @ DJ, S/o. Podunu, Age 28, Caste ST Nookadora, Cultivation, R/o. Kummara Veedhi, Rintada Panchayat, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Andhra Pradeshshall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

12. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Pangi Govardhan @ Keshav @ DJ, S/o. Podunu, Age 28, Caste ST Nookadora, Cultivation, R/o. KummaraVeedhi, Rintada Panchayat, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

13. The Superintendent of Police, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/ Rajamahendravaram is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF TEH GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GEVERNMENT(FAC)

To
The Superintendent, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram.
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The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour ofinformation.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The Superintendent of Police Alluri Seetharamaraju District.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, G.K.Veedhi Circle, Alluri Seetharamaraju District, Andhra Pradesh(To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The Ps to Secretary to Law Department.
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